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SUBJECT: SOUTH VIETNAM MILITARY SITUATION

MILITARY ACTION REMAINS CONCENTRATED IN THE BEN CAT DISTRICT OF BINH DUONG PROVINCE WEST OF SAIGON. IN OTHER PARTS OF THE COUNTRY, EXCEPT THUA THIEN PROVINCE IN THE NORTH, COMMUNIST ATTACKS HAVE TAPERED OFF.

GOVERNMENT COMMANDERS ARE ROTATING FRESH UNITS INTO THE BEN CAT AREA. THE MOVE IS EXPECTED TO TAKE UNTIL ABOUT JULY 13. SOUTH VIETNAMESE OFFICIALS ACKNOWLEDGE THAT GOVERNMENT UNITS HAVE SUSTAINED HEAVY CASUALTIES AND THAT MORALE IN SOME UNITS IS LOW. SAIGON PRESS SPOKESMAN TOLD REPORTERS ON JULY 4 THEY WILL NO LONGER ISSUE CASUALTY REPORTS ON THE BEN CAT FIGHTING FOR "SECURITY REASONS."

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